orational. 4 Air-crafts are unserviceable because these are old aircrafts and the spare parts are not available in the global market. However, unserviceability of these aircrafts does not amount to compromising the security of the country.

Prostitution at the New Delhi Railway Station

2382. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUBIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appering in 'The Hindustan Times' (Magazine Section) dated the 2nd July, 1997 regarding rampant prostitution at the New Delhi Railway Station organised by gangs of pimps; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to identify the gangs involved in the flesh trade at the Railway Station involving both girls and boys and to end the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have reported that no such organised activity at New Delhi Railway Station has come to notice. However, the staff posted at New Delhi Railway Station has been briefed/instructed to be alert about any such activity.

Formation of Government on Non-absolute majority

2383. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of India had called a Conference of Governors and leaders of political parties in June this year to help evolve consensus to help the President and Governors to exercise their powers for forming Government by inviting leaders of parties or groups of parties, constitutionally and judiciously;

(b) if so, what consensus was arrived thereat; and

(c) Government's reaction, if any, thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) A Conference of Governors was held on 2nd and 3rd June, 1997 at which the leaders of political parties were also invited. The main theme of the Conference was "The Role of the Constitutional Head, when, following an election, no party or combination of parties appears to have secured a majority."

In the Conference, the leaders of major political parties and other participants shared their views on the complexities inherent in the situation forming the theme of the Conference. It is felt that the Conference may well have succeded in initiating and enlarging a wider process of appreciation and assessment of the subject. This will lead to a more informed out-look all around. In turn, this will